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Application to Carry/Keep Firearms, by Joseph Spalter, German Jewish Refugee.

With reference to the attached application for permission to carry/keep firearms , by Joseph Spalter, German Jewish Refugee, discrete enquiries were made in respect to his personality and the following was ascertained:

Joseph S P A L T E R, German Jewish Refugee, married, born on the 17-th of April, 1908, in Dresden, Germany, arrived in Shanghai on the 7-th of April, 1939, on the S/S " TERUKUNI MARU", in possession of a "Stateless" passport, No. 1603/38, issued in Dresden, which was changed at the "I.C." organization to a "Document of Identification" No.3355, this latter mentioned document was confiscated by the S.M.Police(D.S.I. Pitts) and is at this office. The applicant is at present in possession of Receipt stating that he has applied for a U.S.S.R. passport. This receipt was issued on the 3-rd of February, 1942, by the U.S.S.R. Consulate General in Shanghai, but bears the chop of the U.S.S.R. Embassy in Tokio. He is a chemical engineer by profession, specialising in leather chemistry and graduated the "Kaiser Wilhelm Institute" in Dresden. In Shanghai he was a partner of the "Hygienic Manufacturing Co." 2 Peking Road, which went into liquidation, and had a also a flat No.262/4 Hamilton House in October,1941 however is has been stated that this flat was actually the flat of Mr. Shimizu, Japanese, formerly i/c of the Municipal Orchestra, but on J. Spalters name. Joseph Spalter is married to Steffy Epstein. His father-in-law, Epstein, reported to the "I.C." in 1941 that he was not responsible for debts incurred by his daughter or son-in-law, because J. Spalter had incoured debts with the liquidation of the "Hygienic Manufacturing Co".

J. Spalter resides at present at 75/2 Tifong Rd and is employed as an German interpreter to Mr. Wong Wei Chow(王 維 周) alias Wang Hong Ung(汪 宏 勳) with offices at 185 Yuan Ming Yuan Road, Room 302, which office is also used by J. Spalter. Mr. Wong Wei Chow is the secretary for Mr. Robert V. W. Wang,E., an high official of the Nanking Government, residing at No. 4 Yao Yuen off Shanghai Road Nanking, c/o Mrs Ting. J.Spalter obtained his present employment approximatelly in December 1941.

He drives M/car license No. 30635, Ford Roadster Frequents the "Baccelona", 326 Avenue du Roi Albert, F.C., where he meets various persons of German and Russian Soviet citizens, also Chinese Communists as reported. He also frequents the bars and restaurants in the Western Area.

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住所、動行、疑問、
有無携帶、現用
不許可トセラレタル

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He obtained from the French Concession Police on the 7-th of September, 1942, a licence to carry/keep firearms No.2186, for the same auto-pistol Cal. 25, French make, which was given to him by Mr. Henry Yang, P/A to Major General C.C Pan, i/c of Western Shanghai Police Force. Mr. Henry Yang resides at 346 Avenue Haig, Tel. No. 23155 & 23156.

On the strenght of the above enqiries it can be state that J. Stapler although employed as an official of the Nanking Governement and therefore it appears that there should not be objection to his application to carry/keep firearms . However having applied for a Soviet passport shows defenitly that he is of anty-Axis political views and suspected agent for the U.S.S.R. Consulate, having good connections amongst the Jewish Refugees in Shanghai

Joseph Stapler associates with Nathan Rabin and other persons of doubtful character and the meeting place is at the "Barcelona" cafe, 326 Avenue du Roi Albert, where political and other views are exchanged. His name was mentioned with the murder of Captain Rolland Kerrwein in November, 1942. (Please see File 140 (C)).

The undersigned respectfully submits this report for consideration as to the advisableness of granting a licence to carry/keep firearms to the applicant.

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